



Victor Saxton
goads sheep into
shearing chute





Sheep graze near snow-covered mountains

especially for their wool. Early each summer the sheep are sheared, and huge carloads of wool are sent to the mills to be woven into cloth and made into

warm suits, coats, and dresses. The pictures tell you more of the interesting story of sheep and show how they lose their coats.

Using electric shears to remove the sheep's fleece



has been cut up into many ranches. This change has given the cowboy a different life. Instead of riding the range to keep his cattle from straying off, he now rides across the pastures to inspect the fences and be sure they are in good repair. This is a big job on a ranch that extends for several thousand acres. Cattle ranches have to be big, for the grass grows so sparsely that it takes many acres to provide enough pasture for a single animal.

Sheep graze on some lands where the grasses are too thin for cattle. Nearly two thirds of all our sheep are raised in the West. The largest flocks are found in Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Idaho, and Montana. Sheep can graze in rougher country than cattle. In the early summer they are often driven to lands high in the mountains to find pasture. Looking at them from a distance as they feed on these slopes, they seem like patches of snow.



"Ride 'em, Cowboy!"

Each flock has its shepherd with his faithful sheep dogs to tend the animals.

Sheep furnish us with both meat and wool, but most western sheep are raised

Calf being branded

